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In Re Application of
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Serial No. 09/619,793

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FOR: WRAPPER FOR A SMOKING ARTICLE

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AMENDMENT A UNDER RULE 111

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001,
please amend subject application accordingly:

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 6-13 under 35 USC
§103(a) as being unpatentable over Noe in view of Ross.
Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner on this ground of
rejection.

The instant invention is directed to a smoking article
having improved taste quality while simultaneously reducing
spotting or staining. The smoking article claimed in the
broadest claims claim a smoking article which includes an outer
wrap and an inner wrap which circumscribes a tobacco rod and

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